

re The Church Fails

## Not Hypocrisy, But Lovelessness Is The Problem

By Leslie Weatherhead

What is most wrong with the Church whole today? In my opinion, it is that we have not integrated the things we sincerely believe with the things we habitually do. This sounds like a wild and sweeping charge of hypocrisy, and it sounds abominably prior. So let me hasten to add, though with shame, that I know that this is one of the sources of my own ineffectiveness. It is not hypocrisy, for a hypocrite is one who pretends with- even trying to practice what he professes.

One trouble is that it has never occurred on us that we are not intended. The matter dawned on a woman-missionary when an African matron came to her, "We can't make out why you came out here to tell us how to solve our problems, when you can't solve your own. "What DO you say?" said the missionary, aghast and hesitant at the question. Had she not made a great sacrifice, left her home, learned a difficult language, put up with discomfort and inconvenience, and with a good income and all for the sake of the Gospel? Did she not pray every morning and often read scriptural addresses on Sunday? "I," said the matron sullenly, "you missionary women can't get on here in the Mission House without feeling, in spite of a Christian upbringing since childhood. How do you expect us to believe that your religion will help Africans to live together?"

The missionary spent most of the time in tears of penitence and shame. She felt she had denied Christ. She never learnt how to love. It went all right in the addresses she gave. But to live the life of love together with another woman of different temperament was too much for her. And as she said to herself. "What is the good of having a first-class religion if you can't live with your fellow missionaries?"

At home it is the same. We hear the preacher read I Corinthians 13. in Moffat or Phillips, and we say, "Wasn't it beautiful?" and then we go home and are put out, if not quarrelsome, because a meal is spoiled or because someone "upsets" us. Does love bear all things or doesn't it? The divorce between what we intellectually believe and the way we live is disastrous. The people who watch us find themselves in a dilemma. They say, "Either the power of Christianity is exaggerated, or it has never reached them"

We are always being told that the need of the age is evangelism and that this is what the Church should put first. I have talked with many ministers about this. The conscientious ones all put to their people in some form or other Christ's agelong invitation. But we have been taught badly. We have regarded conversion as a terminus and left spiritual growth in loving take care of itself.

### Two Kinds of Christians In Our Churches

Conversion is only finding the road that will lead us where we want to be **if we keep moving along it in spite of difficulty and temptation.** This costs humility, grim self-discipline, obedience, and even self-crucifixion. Few pay the price. One hears of meetings (supposed to be made up of church leaders) where tempers are lost, feelings are hurt, peevishness, little-mindedness and selfish arrogance are displayed, showing all with insight how far from salvation are those who thus betray our faith, and shatter the newly-found faith of the newly converted.

The fundamental trouble with Christians today is that by and large their level of spiritual experience is too low

November is Stewardship Month. What if we caught the spirit of this article?

to be easily communicable or even desirable.

It must be realized, I think, that there are two kinds of Christians in our churches. The first, which far outnumbers the second, are really kindly intentioned people lighted from **without** by gleams of Christian idealism. I do not say this disparagingly. They are grand folk and are the great majority of our congregations and officials. I do not know what we should do without them. Their enthusiasm and energy are splendid. The quality of their morality is beyond cavil. They were brought up in Christian homes. They can argue about, and discuss, Christian problems. They lend ready and valuable service in all branches of the Church.

**But you would embarrass them acutely if you asked them to speak of their own experience of Christ. They live good lives, but they themselves would not say that they had something they were bursting to pass on to another, nor does that other feel, "I wish I had the secret that is transforming his life."**

One loves the people in the first category, but sometimes one meets people in the second, and then one knows what the Church is missing in having so few of them. For they are illuminated from **within**. Christ dwells in them. They love and trust Him, and **in every relationship of life that love expresses itself.**

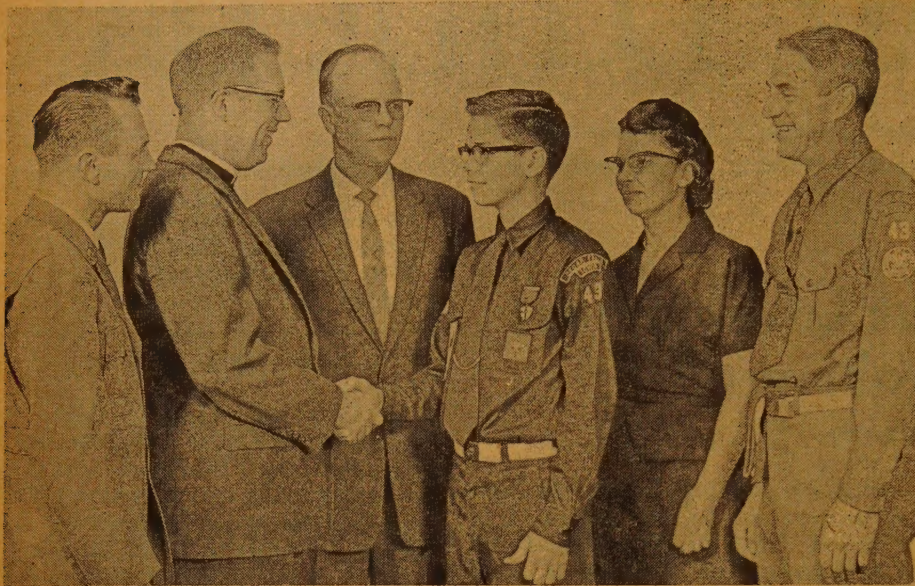
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This matter is very personal and intimate, but very vital. It matters even more than closing churches, reducing committees, and joining up with fellow Christians. It matters far more than spiritual healing, or overseas missions, or fundamentalism. Our main failure is a failure in relationships, at home, at work, in the Church and in the world; a failure really to love.

There is no "holier than thou" spirit in my heart as I write these words. I am in it with you and fail continually. But, let us love one another more. Men will believe in us if we show love in every relationship. For love is of God.



## News and Notes



### Pro Deo Et Patria Award

Scout James Hagenson of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Ia. received his Pro Deo Et Patria award at a Sunday morning service, October 12th. Making the presentation is the Scoutmaster, Mr. Hart Madsen.

Scout Executive, Mr. Kenneth Brown is presenting Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hagenson, parents, with flowers in honor of their son's award. Pictured left to right are: Mr. Hart Madsen, Scout James Hagenson, Pastor Homer Larsen, Mrs. Amos Hagenson, Mr. Kenneth Brown and Mr. Hagenson.

**Northfield, Minn.:** John W. Nielsen Pastor.—St. Peter's Lutheran entered into the final phase of its relocation program to the southeast edge of Northfield when on Sunday, November 2, ground was broken for a church and parish unit to be built along contemporary lines. The project began three years ago when the congregation purchased a square block of property and it advanced with the erection of a \$25,000.00 parsonage a year and a half ago enabling the congregation to carry on a dual parish service with Sunday School and worship being held both at the old church and at the chapel in the parsonage basement.

The new church to be built at a cost of \$167,800.00 will be faced withannon stone. Its campanile tower will be connected to the main structure by a one-story, glass enclosed narthex. The church will provide seating for over 400 in the nave and balcony with another 200 being able to view the chancel from the fellowship hall.

An unusual feature of the building will be the altar located in the center of the chancel with the altar rail completely surrounding it. The roof over the chancel will be raised, providing space for a row of windows completely across the roof. These windows will permit the sun's rays to strike the rear wall of the chancel which will be adorned with a copy of Thorwaldsen's "Christus," inviting the worshipper to the Lord's table.

Another unusual feature of the church will be a canopy at the main entrance which will extend over the driveway to the parking lot.

Besides the sanctuary the building will provide a sacristy, altar guild room, fellowship hall, kitchen, church offices, mothers' room, and 15 Sunday School rooms.

The congregation which now numbers 419 souls has been richly blessed over the years from its weekly prayer sessions and Bible studies. Twenty-one books of the Old and New Testament have been studied during the past five years. During the pastor's absence the studies are led by laymen.

The congregation has an effective parish education program with different individuals involved as teachers in either the Sunday School, Released-Time School, or the Vacation Bible School.

The members welcomed their pastor home this summer from his European trip with a generous gift toward the purchase of a new car.

### West Canada WMS Fall Rally

A Fall Rally was recently held at Sharon Lutheran Church, Calgary.

Pastor Elling introduced a discussion on the letter to the Ephesians. There is so much to take to heart in this letter, and we had a rich time, a little while we had at our discussions.

The Hussar Ladies had prepared a sketch called "Walking with Him in Joy," spelling out the word "Joy." First Jesus, then others, and yourself, that is the right order which we can walk with Him in.

All joined in the chorus—"I want that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart."

After dinner we met again in the church.

Private letters from two of our missionaries, one from Miss Margie Nissen and one from Betty Anne Hagenson were shared with the members at this time.

A tribute to our veteran missionary Dr. Winther, was read.

The ladies from Tilley contrilled a reading, and so did the Dickson ladies. A duet was rendered by the Calgary ladies.

The "women of the church" from Red Deer put on a little play on —The manner of giving. We learned a lot by trying to apply in our groups what we heard in that two-act play.

Mr. Frank Knoch, who spent years at an American Lutheran mission in New Guinea, spoke and showed slides taken in New Guinea.

An offering was received from W.M.S. and we sang a hymn closed with The Lord's Prayer.

**Reedley, Calif.** Our church at Reedley is in the process of developing a master plan for the future. It is to build in such a way that additional building can be done later. An architectural firm is working with the church.

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# Editorials and Comments

## RUTHERFORD A GREAT READER

In a recent issue of the Atlantic Magazine there is a sketch of the life and personality of the great nuclear physicist, Ernest Rutherford. The author, C. P. Snow, writes of Rutherford, "He reads more novels than most busy people manage to do."

Most people would have thought that a great scientist did not take time to read novels. He would simply do scientific works and spend his time in the laboratory.

The problem today is that so many people do not care for anything outside their own little sphere. They do not read anything but the sports page and the local news. The world can go to the dogs for all they care.

Winter is now coming. Go to your library and get some books. Get interested in reading. It will stimulate your thinking. Do not confine yourself to your own narrow interests. Read good novels of all kinds and learn to know a bit about life.

Even a great scientist could read more novels than an ordinary literary man, you can read a few too.

## LETTERS

We have been very pleased of late to receive a number of letters of reactions to articles and editorials in this paper. Some we are allowed to print, and some do not want them printed. It is of the greatest importance to get these letters whether they pertain to Scripps, The Voice of Experience, the Editorials or any other problems. Thank you! Write us a letter now!

## THE HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Kierkegaard is always refreshing. Whenever we get downhearted or run out of ideas, we walk over to the bookshelf and take out one of the 30-odd volumes of Kierkegaard's writings. A few pages of him will stimulate any one. The above may be a Danish idiom, but most Americans recognize the idea. Kierkegaard writes, "People who have the heart in the throat, on their back or in their pants—or briefly stated—in any other place than where it ought to be, will naturally accuse themselves of having no heart, yes, they will accuse the one who truly has his heart in the right place."

Where is your heart?

Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Your heart may be in your vain pride, in your pocket, in your nasty disposition, in your selfishness, etc.,

etc., Kierkegaard stimulates.

## CONVENTION BEER

Kierkegaard also discovered that weak beer (thin beer) was called "convention beer." It is some harmless stuff that any one may drink without being stimulated at all.

That does not mean that what we hear at conventions is always so thin and so weak that it has no influence on us. But we feel sure you will agree with us that the convention speeches remind us of Kierkegaard's "convention beer." It is some tasteless stuff.

Of course, some sermons and other speeches may remind us of the same thing.

Perhaps you will say that the editorials in The Ansgar Lutheran remind you of convention beer. If so, why don't you write and tell us.

## CLEARING AWAY THE RUBBISH

From Kierkegaard we turn to Nehemiah in the Bible, Chapter 4, verse 10 . . . "there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build."

We are to build the Kingdom of God. But builders must often clear away the rubbish before they can build. Every good church and every good pastor will watch the work and the organizations that they do not build on rubbish. There must be a solid foundation.

In rethinking the work of the church it is also imperative that we do not continue certain functions, customs, traditions and organizations that no longer serve any useful purpose. They may have become rubbish.

It does not mean that the rubbish should be removed with a rough hand, for traditions may have become deep-rooted. However, good leadership will know how to deal with it. New and better things may be put in their place.

## ROME CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

When Secretary Dulles, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce and Commissioner John Alex McCone of the Atomic Energy Commission were sent by President Eisenhower to be official representatives of the United States at the funeral of Pope Pius XII, their visit was a courtesy extended by one government to another. Our government has no constitutional right to send a representative to attend ceremonies involving the head of any church or other religious body. Ours is a secular state. Its Constitution forbids the making of laws "respecting an establishment of religion." The point has significance in relation to the right of two American cardinals to vote in the election to the successor to Pius XII. That useful organization, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, declares the U. S. cardinals will violate American law if they participate in the election of the head of a foreign state. It cites a section of the 1952 immigration and naturalization act of Congress which says that a citizen "shall lose his nationality by . . . voting in a foreign state or participating in an election or plebiscite to determine the sovereignty over foreign territory." The journey to Rome of Secretary Dulles and other officials is not the only precedent in support of the argument that Vatican City is a sovereign state, participation in whose elections is forbidden by American law to American citizens. Of course there are also precedents indicating that Vatican City is the headquarters of a church, and that the pope is its head, for Rome seeks to have it both ways. But the immigration and naturalization law of the United States permits no such ambiguity, and two U. S. cardinals are in danger of losing their citizenship if they participate in this foreign election. We hope P.O.A.U. will press its point and test the legality of the cardinals' action in the appropriate court.

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## Church News from here and there

### 20 TV OUTLETS SCHEDULE 'MARTIN LUTHER' FOR REFORMATION DAY

Twenty television outlets in the United States scheduled showings of the motion picture "Martin Luther" in connection with Protestant Reformation observances, it was announced in New York.

Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., producers and distributors of the widely-circulated film, said the 20 stations boosted to 35 the number of cities where the picture is currently being shown.

He added that the movie recently completed a "successful engagement" in Tandil, Argentina, a city of 32,000 population some 250 miles from Buenos Aires. This followed its South American premiere in Montevideo, Uruguay, last August. He said it will be shown in the Argentine capital later this season.

### FREE METHODISTS, HOLINESS CHURCH MERGE

Merger of the Free Methodist Church of North America with the Holiness Movement Church in Canada was unanimously approved by the American group's administration board at a meeting at Winona Lake, Ind.

The union had been endorsed earlier by the Holiness Church. Details of the merger have been completed by a Joint Negotiating Committee.

With a membership of about 1,000 in Canada the Holiness group conducts work in Hong Kong, Brazil, Ireland and Egypt. The Egyptian affiliate embraces several thousand members.

Organized in 1860, the Free Methodist Church was an outgrowth of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has about 55,000 members in more than 1,200 churches.

### CHURCH COLLEGES CALLED 'INDISPENSABLE BULWARKS' AGAINST MATERIALISM

Methodist Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., said at Raleigh, N. C., that church-related colleges and universities are "indispensable bulwarks" against the challenge of "materialism and aggressive atheism" pervading society.

Addressing a Christian higher education meeting attended by 4,000 lay and ministerial delegates from churches in the North Carolina Methodist Conference, Bishop Garber urged immediate action and support of a \$5,000,000 fund drive to build two new

colleges at Fayetteville and Rocky Mount and to expand facilities at existing denominational institutions in the state. He is chairman of the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education.

"We Methodists believe there should be a choice between State and church-supported schools, with a place for both," he said. "If the State alone tries to do the job, it would be through higher taxes and we would never gain financially."

Gov. Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, a Methodist, told the delegates that the state will continue to exercise every possible effort to meet the educational needs of its citizens but "cannot come anywhere near carrying the whole load." He urged all citizens of the state to "lend their whole-hearted support" to church-sponsored colleges.

### LUTHERAN HOUR EXPANDS IN 25TH SEASON

Five new languages and 11 new lands have been added to the schedule of the Lutheran Hour gospel broadcast during its 25th year which has just ended.

This brings to 59 the number of languages used on the program and to 68 the number of countries from which stations beam the global broad-

cast, according to Paul Friedrich, executive director of the Lutheran Men's League, sponsors of the Hour.

The new languages are: Amharic, Masai, Chagga, Efik, Ibo, and Swahili. The new lands are Aruba, Belgium, Congo, Cameroons, Gibraltar, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tarawa, Thailand, and Togoland.

Mr. Friedrich reported that the Lutheran Hour broadcasts are now made regularly from 1,044 stations around the world at a cost of \$1.5 million annually.

Speaker of the English version of the program is Dr. Oswald C. J. Hermann of New York, public relations director of the Lutheran Church in Missouri Synod, with which the League is affiliated.

### LUTHERANS PLAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINAR FOR AFRICANS

Strasbourg, France—(LWF)—An advanced theological course, planned to train students from scattered parts of the African continent, is to open next February under joint Lutheran auspices at Marangu, Tanganyika, the Lutheran World Federation Executive Committee was informed here Oct. 27.

The coming inauguration of the Africa Theological Seminar was announced by the LWF Department of World Mission in its report at the Executive Committee's annual meeting.

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## The Wrestler

By S. T. Eward

### PLANNED PLEDGES

The postman had left in the mailbox a notice from the church announcing that someone from the congregation would be calling in the home within a few days to secure a pledge from the family for the coming year for the church. The announcement further urged upon the family to take this matter under careful consideration and to be prepared to make a pledge (in writing) when this volunteer worker from the church arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutheran had taken the time to read the letter and digest its contents, and were hard-pressed to know just what to do. They recalled the unpaid bills, the pressing needs of the household. Their first temptation was to settle for a nominal pledge that could be paid without much effort. But they also noted that they were to pray about this. This meant that they were to do some soul-searching and real planning. It is this planning that makes the difference.

Planning is enjoined in the Bible. "So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren to go on to you before me, and arrange in advance for this gift

you have promised, so that it may be ready not as an exaction but as a willing gift." For the gift to be the right amount and to be given with the right attitude it became necessary for these people at Corinth to do some planning. (II Cor. 9:5).

When the wrestlers in the congregations begin to do some serious planning of their stewardship, only then will there be an upsurge in giving, but the treasuries of the congregations will receive more with which to carry on the work of the church and its "weapons."

How much should a member give to his church? As much as he spends for pleasure? More than he spends for golf? More than he spends for income taxes? More than he spends for bowling? More than last year? More than he is moved to give in appreciation for what Jesus Christ has done for him. At least this much. As much as the church needs to carry on its work!

Planned pledges will be made cheerfully and gratefully.



# The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

## THE SHIFT IS WESTWARD

A compilation of reports based on furnished by the U. S. Department of Labor, the U. S. Department of Commerce and the Federal Deposit Insurance Company reveals a surgingly large growth now taking place in the Western half of our country. This compilation, as summarized and published by the United News and World Report, covers the following: population, employment, personal income, bank assets, spending and manufacturing. It covers a period of time from 1940 to the present. The report indicates that within these last 18 years in the mentioned areas the Western half of our country, representing 17 States, has increased 66% above the average for the entire country. In the Southeast, representing 12 States, there has been a growth of 24% above the national average. In the North, representing 19 States, there has been a decline of 18% below the national average. To be sure, these figures require some amendment and of explanation. However, it does appear that the general conclusion based on them is not to be denied. The shift is westward in a definite way. The Western half of our country, especially the States of the West Coast, are growing rapidly and assuming a greater national importance than ever before.

Too limited is the Church's participation in this growth. Lutherans may be singled out in a special way as having failed to appreciate it and to prepare for it. Only one Lutheran ministry is to be found on the West Coast. One Lutheran college and two other colleges attempt to serve educationally an area larger than the Western half of our country served by such institutions. Practically all efforts at church extension and missions are still guided and controlled by boards, offices and officials in the East, far removed from the growing areas they attempt to serve. This was natural enough and even reasonable 25 and 50 years ago. It is not so in the face of recent developments. Slow as we are to appreciate it, the fact confronts us—the shift is westward.

## OUR WORKING WOMEN

The number of women employed in the home is steadily increasing, says the U. S. Department of

**Labor.** All this is in response to the increasing demand of industry and business for such service.

At this time the figure of 22,450,000 is given as being the number of those women now employed. This represents a top figure and is somewhere close to 40% of the total of the employed in the land. The untrained woman appears to find herself at a distinct disadvantage in the present picture. Skilled help, especially in office work, in the teaching field and in the professions, is the thing that is sought after. Let the average woman, even though she be married, no longer "a spring chicken" and a glamor girl, possess training and skill and she can readily find herself a job, one that pays well. According to the Department of Labor, this will be the case for some time to come.

While this state of affairs so often takes the woman out of the home, still the home continues, the birthrate holds and society does not fall to pieces. This is not to say the situation does not need watching. On the contrary, this is the very thing that needs to be done lest, before we are aware, something should happen. The answer can hardly be given in a column like this. But we can and do suggest that thoughtful Christians study the problem and try to deal with it intelligently and without too much delay. Do such students desire some factual help to guide them? Let them write for the "1958 Handbook on Women Workers," issued by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. (Cost \$.45)

## PRAYERS FOR THE NEW POPE—WHY NOT?

Perhaps not many, but at least some, Lutherans prayed for Pope Pius during his recent illness and for the half billion people over whom he exercised spiritual leadership. This is as it should be and as Scripture enjoins. As different from us as he may have been, Pope Pius did stand for much that we are bound to commend and for which we have need to be thankful. There is good reason to believe that he was a peaceful man, conciliatory, not inclined to provoke controversy. Remembering some of the age-old strife in which the Papacy and the Church of Rome have been involved, an attitude like that of the late Pope becomes highly important

in world affairs and, at the same time, something to be remembered and encouraged.

Now that a new leader assumes authority, our prayers in his behalf are once more very much in order. Do we believe that God hears prayer, that the prayers of a righteous man avail much, that our Lord was speaking to us when He spoke of praying even for our enemies? Let us realize that the Pope exercises a world-wide authority, that for millions his voice is that of God, that even for many of us what he says and does is more important than what some personal enemy might do to us. We may not be able to change the Pope's attitudes, but God can. We must dare to believe that He can and pray that He does. May it not be that the Pope has been adamant and unrelenting in his opposition to us for the reason that we have been so slow to pray for him?

## BOOM IN GIVING

The recent business decline, now apparently over, has not hurt our favorite American philanthropies. Something of the contrary appears to be the case. In short, there is a boom in giving, one that continues.

The Ford Motor Company did not earn its dividends during these last months, but that has not kept the Ford Foundation from pouring vast sums into our colleges across the land. Nor has this recent depression hurt other generous minded individuals and agencies. David Church, Director of the American Association of Fund-Raising Council, says that Americans will give \$7 billion to church and charity this year and that this will set a record high. All evidence points to the fact that "the churches never had it so good as they do today."

The conclusion to be drawn? To be sure, we should be thankful and hope that the present trend continues. After all is said and done, we are not giving too much. There is still plenty of room for improvement and we must not become touchy when our Stewardship Directors tell us so. On the other hand, there is need that we watch lest we should somehow begin to equate our financial prosperity with spiritual success, feeling that clever financing and a full treasury comprise the answer. Was it not upon the church of Laodicea that a curse was once pronounced because she said: "I am rich, I have prospered and I need nothing? Mindful of that warning word, let modern churches evaluate with all care this prosperity that accompanies their efforts, consecrating it anew to Him who gives it and to the winning of the souls He has redeemed and desires to save.



## Why Not Try Advent Services?

By Douglas J. Toepel

As we thumb through our church hymnals and gaze at the calendar we are reminded once more that ere long Christmas will be here again. The advertisers and sales psychologists will be upon us before long to get us into a buying mood for Christmas—and who is not, to some extent, swept into their train! At the same time as the vendors of Christmas wares will be pushing their products, it seems to me that we, the defenders of the Christian faith, have a wonderful opportunity, even among our own people, to “sell” our “product”—faith in the Christ of Bethlehem.

The idea I would like to press at this season is this: Advent Services for every church. I was raised in a German church where Advent Services were by tradition as integrally a part of the church program as Lenten Services. In the parishes where I have served, in San Francisco, and at St. Paul's, Lynwood, near Los Angeles, I have found them equally effective. So I would like to offer some suggestions for a successful Advent season, in addition to your Sunday morning services.

1. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making your Advent plans.
2. Beginning three or four weeks before Christmas (depending on Thanksgiving Day) have special Advent Services on Wednesdays or any other suitable week day evening. You may rather choose Sunday evenings, at 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. These could be preceded or followed by a sandwich supper.
3. Have Advent Holy Communion for your first special Advent Service.
4. Order a large Advent wreath, and light the candles at these special Advent Services as well as on Sunday morning.
5. Have either the regular Common Service with preaching on Advent texts, or an informal service, or perhaps the use of the Vesper Service in the hymnal. It is beautiful and appropriate.
6. Have special music by a choir at each Service. If you have several choirs, be sure and give each one an evening.
7. Have each Advent Service (except perhaps the Holy Communion Service) sponsored by one of the organizations of the church, like Men's Brotherhood, Women's Guild, etc. This will arouse special interest. The ushers for the evening will come from the host organization; they will also take the offering.

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“The happy Christmas comes once more,  
The heavenly Guest is at the door.”

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8. To encourage attendance, you might want to offer a lovely little token to everyone who attends on one of the evenings, for example, a picture of Christ for a wallet. Sometimes worthwhile tokens can be chased for as little as a dime or fifteen cents.
9. One of these Services might consist of a Christmas concert by all the choirs. We have found date and time conflicts if we present our concerts too close to Christmas Day.
10. Perhaps you would like to show movies or slides of the prophets or John the Baptist, anticipating our Lord's coming.
11. Guest preachers from nearby churches are always in order.
12. In smaller churches pastors can exchange pulpits during these Services, if laymen are trained to fill the charge. Nor would it be amiss in such cases to have laymen lead at least part of the Service. Also, if other choirs or congregations of other churches who do not have Advent Services.
13. One Advent Service might consist entirely of psalms and Scripture portions from the prophets. People and laymen could share in this. Follow with a Christmas Carol hymn-sing. We do not let our congregations sing enough.
14. The youth of the church may wish to present a religious play, preferably with an Advent theme. The pastor can relate the theme of the play to the Coming of Christ.
15. If you want to make an all-out effort that never fails, the pastor or one of the congregation can assume the role of the prophet and portray the life of Isaiah and one of the other prophets awaiting the Messiah. The play would be done in the first person. A series of plays of the prophets makes an excellent Advent program for the season.
16. A group in the church, like the Luther League, could do a pantomime in costume, a scene or scenes that lead to the coming of Christ in Bethlehem, while a narrator quotes the Scripture and explains the meaning of the prepared script. The pastor could follow with preaching on a related text.
17. Climax your Advent Services not only with your regular Christmas morning Service, but with a Holy Communion Service at 8 a.m. or some other early service preceding the regular Service.
18. Whatever your plans, give them lots of publicity.

May God grant you a blessed Advent Season as you strive to make it so.



## Seminary Pays Tribute to the Late Professor Ethan Mengers

By Theodore I. Jensen



memorial service for Professor an Mengers, whose untimely th on June 7 is known to The gar Lutheran readers, was held in the Chapel on the Wartburg Seminary campus Wednesday morning, October 22. It was a solemn and impressive service. The liturgy was conducted jointly by Professors Paul Nyholm and Theo. I. Jensen. A Trinity Seminary student, Mr. Rich Jensen, sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," from Handel's Messiah, and tributes to our late colleague and teacher were spoken by President Alfred H. Ewald of Wartburg Seminary, Mr. Paul Jersild, a Trinity Seminary senior, and Pastor Roy Andersen, a recent student in Menger's classes and a graduate of Trinity with the class of 1954. Long off-campus visitors who attended the service were Mrs. Ethan Mengers and Mrs. L. C. Hansen of Lincoln, Nebraska, a sister of Dr. Meng-

President Ewald mentioned that Dr. Mengers' death marks the third time in the short space of three years that the seminary community has been suddenly bereaved of an able and respected teacher, and we instinctively ask why. "Why this comparatively young man?" "Why so suddenly?"

"What is the reason and meaning of it all?" "These and many similar questions," he said, "must remain unanswered until the time when we shall know even as we are known. For the present we, as faithful children of the heavenly Father, must be content with divine silence and respond with complete trust." The president concluded: "Our experience is broadened and the words 'God is our refuge and strength' are solid with meaning."

Pastor LeRoy Andersen spoke feelingly of what Dr. Mengers had meant to him in the classroom and of how his example and teaching have since enriched his ministry. "He showed me the gospel in the Old Testament," he said. "In the study of the Prophets," said Pastor Andersen, "I got an insight into both the righteousness and the love of God and of how the two belong intimately together."

Mr. Paul Jersild's tribute expresses the sentiments of many Ansgar Lutheran readers who were students of Dr. Mengers once, either in Dana College or in Trinity Seminary or both, for instance, when he said, "He was not a man who made an auspicious first impression." But he was "a man who wore exceedingly well.... The longer and better you knew him, the more you appreciated him."

"Because of his quietness, one had to know Dr. Mengers well to begin to appreciate the wide range of his interests. He was at home in discussing literature, music and philosophy as well as theology. His sermons would often include allusions to literature. I recall the chapel talk he gave at Dana when I was a sophomore, on the subject of Christianity and aesthetics. As he spoke of various composers and their music it became apparent to me that here was a man who genuinely loved and was at home with the music of many of the masters of symphonic and choral music."

"In philosophy Dr. Mengers' first love was Soren Kierkegaard, and this fascinating religious thinker of 19th century Denmark exerted a profound influence upon him."

"Dr. Mengers also offered a course in logic at Dana College. He was fascinated by the subject and was capable of staying up whole nights trying to solve intricate problems of logic. I couldn't help but be amused last year when he confessed, with a twinkle in his eye, that he had a difficult time swinging it with his advisor, but he gained permission to take a course on formal logic during his stay at Boston University while gaining a Ph.D in Old Testament. His advisor undoubtedly was hard pressed to see the relation of formal logic to the Old Testament, but they were united in the person of Dr. Mengers."

"As a teacher, Dr. Mengers lived the Old Testament. In teaching the Prophets and the Psalms, his favorite courses, he was giving of himself, for the prophets and psalmists were a part of his very being."

"I appreciated Dr. Mengers for his open-mindedness. His theology was both conservative and dynamic. He would readily listen to and consider varying points of view, and he always counselled his students to read material on both sides of a given issue. His own position was never presented in a dogmatic way. I believe he was too much of an artist himself to assume a rigid and dogmatic theology."

"He was often asked to speak at Sunday School in the local church at Blair. His gentle, child-like nature made him a favorite with the children. One Sunday morning he walked out of the sacristy dressed in dirty, paint-spattered overalls. He spoke about the effect of sinful deeds, how they covered our hearts and made us look very ugly before God and those around us. Then returning to the sacristy he emerged a few moments later dressed in his Sunday suit. Through forgiveness, said Dr. Mengers, we are made clean and righteous before God."

"The work of the Christian teacher is not completed when he dies. The faith instilled and strengthened in many hearts, the insight and knowledge gained by those who studied under him, continues on and works its blessing in the years to come. That such has and is taking place through the many who studied under Dr. Ethan Mengers is a testimony to the grace of our Lord, who used this humble servant as he labored in this particular corner of the Kingdom of God."

We thank God for the ministry of Ethan Mengers as pastor and teacher among us. Blessed be his memory.



## The Great Trap

Editor, The Ansgar Lutheran

Sir:

I am certain that for all Christians, both strong and weak, there arise times when we worry about the future. By this I mean that we contemplate current events, witness the forces that are presently at work on the international scene, and see certain of the things that happen in our own land. On top of that there is the apparent vigor of the communistic segment of the world.

So, as we think of the future, we think of it with grave concern. Yes, we believe that our country is strong and that it could probably win a war. But no honest man can look into the future without recognizing the possibility (I did not say certainty, but possibility) of a time of great human suffering—mental as well as physical. Meanwhile, we continue to pray that God will protect us from the worst. We work through our churches (but never hard enough) to bring the saving Word to all people. The way of Christ is taught as the only solution for Man. We believe in this Way.

But as we look ahead we are sometimes afraid. It appears as though the whole era in which we live has become a vast trap for mankind. People in communist-dominated countries are forced to live as ordered. People in western countries find it difficult not to be selfish with their high standard of living—and there is considerable sentiment along the line of—"Let them eat cake."

The entrapment in the whole situation has many historical precedents. Before Pompeii was devastated by volcanic eruption, it was completely corrupt. But there may have been a few uncorrupted citizens in Pompeii who were trapped in the city. Also, there may have been persons in Pompeii (probably quite a few) who would not have been so corrupt had they been under better influences. These people were also trapped by the times and the place in which they lived.

So today, even righteous people who believe in peace on earth, goodwill toward men find themselves under the influence or the yoke of revolutions, materialism, wars, etc. Even many Americans feel trapped by the seeming necessity of accepting abundance and a high standard of living while many starve elsewhere.

When I get beyond my feeling of great indignation over the manifest injustice of practically the whole world situation I feel like weeping. The only appropriate words of description I can think of are: "Poor humanity! Poor, poor, humanity." Yes, one is evil, another is better. But the fact remains that people become "better or worse" partly because of factors that influence their early lives and because of environments that affect them. Where shall we fix blame? On the communists? They deserve blame too. But why do people become communists? Shall we blame the millions of a-moral people in the world? Perhaps. But why are they a-moral? Shall we beg the question and simply say: "Sin!"? Sin is the problem, all right. But having said **sin** we have really not probed very deep. The human problem is at once very simple and frightfully complicated. The problem is sin, and the problem is also entrapment by sin—i. e. by the effects of generations of sin, social sin, moral sin, national sin, international sin, racial sin. Babies are born into this filthy mess with their own propensity for sin (original sin), and the problem gets bigger and bigger.

We think of the future and worry about our children. What kind of a world will be theirs? Well, there is but one protection we can give them—CHRIST!

Yours,

Scrip Sundry

Before you start your trip . . .

## Consult Your Travel Agency

By Letta J. Sigler  
"Herald of Holiness"

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; he will trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 35:5).

Summertime, for a lot of people, is a time of travel and vacation. Many times when we plan a trip, instead of spending hours with numerous maps spread out around us, we turn to our travel-planning problems over to the travel agency, an automobile club, or a national oil company. When we look at the returned maps, our route is clearly indicated from the point of origin until we arrive home. If we are traveling by transportation other than automobile, a ticket is enclosed which assures us of passport to our destination.

This can have many spiritual applications for you and me. We need to look around us today to come to the realization that our friends, neighbors and associates need guidance and stabilization in their lives. They take one route, are dissatisfied with it, "scenery," change routes, and often find themselves at **dead end**, not knowing which way to turn. This is the result of not choosing a destination and placing the routing of their lives in the hands of a competent Guide. To whom can they go but Jesus? Have you ever recommended a reliable travel agent to a friend? Then why not recommend a most reliable Guide and Travel Agent for the road of life? Lives turned over to the Lord Jesus Christ first of all have their names written on the passport to heaven, the book of life. The course of their lives will be carefully directed so that each road may lead to greater blessing and beauty in Christ.

However, we cannot get our salvation passports and travel on without consulting the way our Master Travel Agent has chosen for us. We must daily and continually consult the Word of God and seek the Father's guidance in prayer to check up and make sure we are still on the right route.

When planning our trip, we are asked to choose whether we prefer the most direct route or the most scenic route. Spiritually, after we determine our destination to be heaven and that our routing shall be the perfect highway of the will of God and holiness, we must set our sights on the most direct route and not cast our eyes on the scenery that Satan has set up along our way to delay our progress and

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# The Forgotten Man In The Church

A Voice  
of  
Experience

In every church, large and small, are some lonesome people that long for a little applied love. When Jesus was here on earth He sought the weary and lonesome. Several times it is recorded that He went in to eat

them. When He sought the weary and lonesome He led them to the Kingdom of God, thus bringing cheer to their lives. The weary and lonesome opened their hearts to Him; it is good counseling when mutual confidence is established.

Many people suffer from inferiority complex which causes them to withdraw from normal association with others and shut themselves up within themselves. There are generally many reasons why people get into this state of mind. They may have met with some misfortune, the death of a dear one, financial loss, sickness, old age, retirement, etc. Some people have difficulty in making adjustment after retirement. People should in due time make preparation for retirement and old age. A good way to do this is not to consider yourself indispensable at any time or at any place. Unselfish love in the form of attention and understanding may lead these lonesome people out of their self-imposed isolation. Here is where counseling has its place.

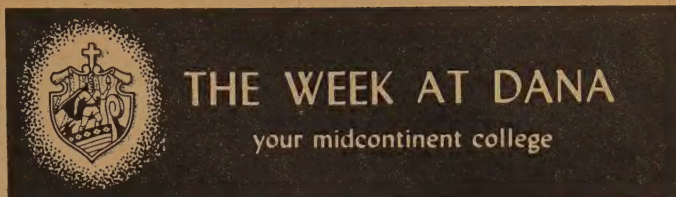
In every church are old and infirm people who are lonesome. There is much truth in the statement that in a large church the old people and the infirm are the forgotten people. A church with 500, or more, should have a visitation program. Such churches should make use of retired pastors who are still in good health. Such pastors would bring to the congregation a storehouse of experience. The pastors retire because they wish to be relieved of the multitudinous responsibilities of a full time pastor, would not accept the position of visitation pastor if they would not be tied down to too many responsibilities. Arrangements can be made so that they will not lose their social life and benefits.

Attention could, also, be made of another group of people who are lonesome, namely young widows and unmarried men and women who are no longer in the senior Lutheran study group. They are in this group due to circumstances which they have no control.

There is one group of people in the church that should receive more consideration than is usually done, namely, newlyweds. Some seem to draw a sigh of relief and when young people are married: "Now the youth problem is settled for them." To make the adjustments from single life to married life is not as easy as it appears on the surface. It is especially difficult for those who marry young. I am not discussing whether this is good or bad. One must reckon with the fact that people marry now at an early age. Our church leaders, and especially youth directors, should give this problem much study.

One has made the observation that some young people who are regular churchgoers and active in Luther League before their marriage, gradually lose interest in the church after they are married. What is the cause of this? I believe a social factor enters into the picture. Before their marriage they made social contacts in the activities of the Luther League. Man is a social being who craves social activities. If the church does not provide social activities, alone, and especially young people, will seek their social activities outside the church. The men's society and the Ladies' Aid do not seem to be the answer.

Another factor may also enter into the picture. The bride  
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## Neve original to be sung on 1958 Choir Tour

When Dana's A Capella choir goes on tour next January, they will be performing one of Professor Paul Neve's original compositions as part of their program.

Professor Neve has been working on the composition for four years. It is a religious choral work containing eight separate songs. The entire work, entitled "A Highway in the Desert" is centered about passages from Isaiah.

Plans for the choir tour indicate their 1959 tour will extend into Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

## Lutheran Students Association

Approximately twenty members of the LSA attended mass at St. Cecilia's Catholic cathedral in Omaha, Sunday, Nov. 2.

The visit was in conjunction with the talk given at Tuesday night's meeting with Father O'Donnell of the Catholic parish in Blair, as guest speaker.

This visit to Omaha was designed to give students some background of a Catholic service before the discussion.

## Christian Service Club

The Christian Service Club met Monday evening for a discussion on "Youth Work" led by Walter Ludwigsen. This discussion was a follow-up of the talk given by the Rev. George Robertson, youth director of the UELC, two weeks ago.

The group is planning several field trips in the future, one of which will be to observe Miss Janice Stromberg, parish worker at First Lutheran in Fremont, in her daily routine.

The next meeting will be on Pastoral Counseling.

## Diamond Jubilee

This year marks the conclusion of the third quarter century of Dana's mission as the sole college of our United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Next year marks the 75th anniversary. Committees are now beginning preparations to commemorate this Diamond Jubilee Year with appropriate ceremonies during 1959.

These subcommittees are being named by the Student Council, Alumni Association, and the Board of Trustees. Already named for the administration are Dr. C. C. Madsen, "Bo" Weismann, and Dr. Reuben Poston.

At the time of this publication names of other committee members were not available.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

## A Special Call

By LeRoy C. Brown

Elizabeth Thompson, a missionary to Syria, had a special challenge when a band of savage Turks killed all the men in a village, then robbed them, leaving only the women and children with their sorrow.

What could she say to them? What could she do?

Elizabeth Thompson understood their sorrow, because she too had lost her husband. He had died just a few years after they were married. So she told these women about Jesus who had been such a great comfort to her in trying times. She told them of God's love, the only successful remedy known for a broken heart.

"We never heard such words before. Does it mean for us women?" they asked.

Mrs. Thompson assured them that God's Word is for anyone who will receive it.

She found that keeping the women busy helped too. To some extent, at least, this kept them from thinking about what had happened. One poor woman insisted on carrying with her constantly a blood stained cap that had belonged to her son. Helping her to forget was a problem.

Feeling a special call to help these women Elizabeth Thompson started a school where she taught reading. She found that the women were not only unable to read and write, but also that they could not do simple work like making bread or sewing a dress. So she added an industrial department to her school.

Prominent people in England, including Lord Shaftesbury, finally became interested in the missionary's project. They gave some supplies and money. This enabled Mrs. Thompson to start two more schools, making a total of three.

Then she opened a fourth school in a stable for want of a better location. The school at Beirut was in a hotel. One school had ninety children enrolled. Another was composed entirely of young women.

By 1864 eighteen schools were operating regularly. One of these schools was located at Antioch. Another

at Damascus. Numerous industrial departments were available for women and men.

So women who once said, "We are like the cockle we know nothing," received considerable training.

During all of her service Elizabeth Thompson's faith in God was highly commendable. She was converted when she was a child, and always had a firm belief in prayer.

Once when funds were low and she could not give the widows, even small sums for their work, she prayed for help. Next day, a number of Turkish women, ordinarily considered to be enemies by Syrians, came for a visit. Before departing they left a gift, exact enough money to pay the widows.

Always Elizabeth Thompson's attitude and expressed faith was, "I feel the sweetest confidence that God will supply the means." Of course in all the schools the Bible was taught and she always emphasized the importance of prayer and faith in God.

In addition to her faith, this missionary also possessed unusual physical energy.

Once in the village of Ain Zabalteh, she and Daud Pasha went to see a building in which a school might be started.

The building was in such poor condition and so dilapidated that Pasha exclaimed, "It's filthy! Impossible." So he left. But she went to work and within three days had transformed the place into a neat school. When Pasha returned, he was so favorably impressed he gave a thousand francs toward the work.

In the summer of 1862 the Prince of Wales visited the schools in Syria. He liked what he saw so well that he gave twenty-five napoleons and a large order for embroidery.

About seven years later Mrs. Thompson retired, leaving the schools in the hands of able and younger people. She lived for only a few weeks after she returned to England, but she had accomplished the mission which she had felt a special call.

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THE

"GET-ACQUAINTED" RALLIES



## talented Twins . . .



Picture by Gerald Giving  
Sara watches Susan at the piano.

Susan and Sara Hellerud, fifteen-year-old twins, who live on a farm near Milltown, Wisconsin, have each concentrated on a different talent.

Susan is a pianist. In July she won first in the Class division at the Minneapolis Aquatennial with a Scarlatti Sonata. Her prizes were a \$100.00 scholarship, a trophy, and a trip to Chicago to compete in the Chicago and Music Festival. There on August 23 she again won first place! For two summers Susan has been organist at the second service in her church at Milltown.

Sara writes poetry. Her notebook of better works contains 75 poems. Several of her poems have been translated into Danish and Swedish and have been printed in those countries. An aunt in California is about to publish a short collection of her niece's poetry. Many of her poems have a religious theme. After a confirmation class where prayer had been likened to a bridge, Sara wrote a poem, "The Golden Bridge of Prayer."

The twins were confirmed at Milltown Lutheran Church last May by Pastor A. E. Neve. They both attend a class in the High School Department of the Sunday school; they sing in the Youth Choir and are active Luther Leaguers.

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## BY THE FIRESIDE

### SIGHT

Man sees a body struggling with pain,  
God sees a spirit growing strong again,  
Man sees but weakness,  
God sees new power,  
A saint is learning patience with every trying hour.

Man sees but sickness, counts the healing slow,  
God is rejoicing to see a loved one grow,  
Man sees days wasted,  
God counts them gain,  
For faith as sweet as childhood is growing out of pain.

Man feels a sorrow rising in his breast,  
God in His wisdom leadeth into rest,  
Man sees the present,  
God sees the goal,  
And by seeming bondage is setting free the soul.

—Anon.

### SEVEN SHORT RULES FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

1. Never neglect daily, private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers (Heb. 11:6).

2. Never neglect daily, private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. I believe that all backsliding begins with neglect of those two rules (John 5:39).

3. Never profess to ask God anything you do not want. Tell Him the truth about yourself, however bad it makes you; and ask Him for Christ's sake to forgive you for what you are, and to make you what you ought to be (John 4:24).

4. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and ask yourself, What have I done for Him today (Matt. 5:13-16).

5. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, kneel down, and ask God's blessing on it (Col. 3:17). If you cannot do this, it is wrong (Rom. 14:23).

6. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that, because such and such a people do so and so, there you may (I Cor. 9:12). You ask yourself, "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to follow Him (John 10:12).

7. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, "Can what I feel be true? and if both cannot be true, believe God and make your own heart the liar (Rom. 3:4; I John 5:10-11).

### A CHILD'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep  
Of other children, far away,  
Who have no homes in which to stay,  
Nor know where is their daily bread,  
Nor where at night to lay their head,  
But wander through a broken land  
Alone and helpless—  
Take their hand!

—A German Prayer

### STEWARDSHIP IS REMEMBERING

God's love for His own.  
God's watchfulness over us.  
God's ownership of all life, talents and property.  
God's patience with us in our use of His things.  
God's great confidence in us.  
God's willingness to use us in the furtherance of His plan.  
God's acceptance of our efforts, feeble as they may be.  
God's graciousness to forgive our confessed shortcomings.  
God's forbearance of our failures, and His blessing when our service to Him is given with hearts-full of love for Him.

—Temple Baptist Times

### PILLAR OF FLAME

By Sarah Margaret Israel

Flame of the wilderness that led the  
Children on,  
Pillar of fire that burned along the  
way,  
Light of our God that showed His  
presence near,  
We have thee still today.

For where our Father walks upon  
the hills  
The trees shine with an autumn  
glory bright  
As if He set His flaming pillar there  
To guide our steps aright.

### NOT ON YOUR LIFE

A minister had advertised for handyman, and the next morning young man rang the bell. The minister asked him, "Can you start a fire and have breakfast by six in the morning?"

"I think so," said the young man.

"Can you mow the lawn, do the laundry, and see that everything is done right?"

"I'm sure I can."

"Can you polish the floors, wash and dry dishes, and cook?"

"Look Reverend," the young man put in, "I came here to see about getting married, but if marriage is going to be like that, count me out."

—The Link

### LOOSE TALK

Writer and lecturer Emily Kimbrough once related this lecture experience:

I came on to the platform with the chairman. As she began her introduction, we were both aware of a hissing sound in the wings. A man in workman's overalls—obviously an engineer—stood there holding a screwdriver with one hand and beckoning imperiously with the other. The chairman turned back to the audience and said she would have to ask them to excuse her, but that something demanded her attention. Then she left the stage. I waited a moment—I didn't know what else to do—and presently she returned, even more flustered. Brushing past me, she flung herself over the lectern and said into the microphone "Before we continue with the programme, I have a very unhappy piece of news to communicate. Word has just been given me from the wings that there is a screw loose in our speaker."



## CHURCH NEWS

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The department "has a significant role" in the seminar's establishment, and the report, which was prepared by Dr. Arne Sovik, world mission director of the federation. The course "represents a partnership between all of our churches to pioneer in a completely new and very significant project," Dr. Carl E. Lundquist, LWF executive secretary, told the committee members.

Although the federation's Commission on World Mission will "assume the major financial burden," Dr. Sovik said, contributions are expected from a number of interested Lutheran bodies, including the Church of Sweden Mission and the Lutheran Church Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Furthermore, "churches from which the students come will assist according to their means," he reported. Lutheran churches in Eritrea, Tanganyika, Liberia, Southwest Africa, Madagascar, Ethiopia and Southern Rhodesia have already indicated a desire to send students, he said.

Commenting on the broad aspects of the Church's mission, the report said missionary expansion in the future will probably take the form "less of entry into entirely new fields of work than of the addition of new strength to existing agencies—a form of expansion which has been demonstrated most clearly in Tanganyika since the war."

## CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

(Continued from page 8)

Encourage us to sit down and rest awhile. We must keep moving and be about our Father's business if we are to stay on course and reach our heavenly home, our glorious destination.

When we see the face of our Saviour and Guide and review our life's journey with Him, what shall our report be? Thanksgiving for the route by which He has led us home? Or shall we have to hang our heads in shame that we chose not to follow His route and oftentimes were in a maze of confusion and loss until we humbled ourselves to once more seek guidance back to the right way. Let us travel on

joyously, frequently consulting our Bible and our heavenly Guide for travel plans.

If an earthly agent so carefully arranges our travel plans, how much more is our heavenly Father interested in our choosing the right destination and planning the road we shall follow? **Trust in Him!**

—Herald of Holiness

## WHERE DOES THE COLOUR BAR COME FROM?

A young minister friend of mine and his wife have done rather a fine thing. He is the minister of a crowded parish in one of the older and poorer districts of a great city. In a certain house in that parish there was a little unwanted baby, whose mother had abandoned him, and whom the mother's parents could not keep. The question was what was to be done with the little baby; and my young friend and his wife decided that for the time being they would take the little baby into their home and care for him. It is quite an ordinary story so far, but there is just one thing about it that lifts it out of the ordinary—the little baby is black. Now my young friend's wife phoned us a few days ago, and asked if Jane would like to come across and see the baby; and of course Jane was thrilled. But when she heard that the baby was black she was doubly and trebly thrilled, and all the week, before she went, she was telling people that she was going to see a wee black baby on Saturday, and wasn't that just wonderful. And suddenly one thing struck me, and struck me forcibly—there is no colour

bar in the mind of a child. It is the other way round; for Jane the baby was specially wonderful and specially loved just because he was black.

There is your proof that the colour bar is an artificial and an unnatural thing; for the child it does not exist; and why should it?

Rev. William Barclay,  
British Weekly

## NEWS AND NOTES

(From page 2)

\$26,000 are already in the building fund. More has been pledged and the present church property is also an asset. Ingathering offerings for the new church will begin Nov. 6.

**Curtis, Nebr.** One hundred forty friends and members of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church met on October 5, 1958, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the congregation. Dr. William Larsen, synodical president, conducted the morning worship service.

At noon a fellowship dinner was served by the church ladies. A children's program followed.

The afternoon program featured a former pastor, the Reverend A. Hofgaard of Minden, Nebraska, as guest speaker. Mr. Harry Blackstone, Maywood, Nebraska, was guest soloist. The Reverend O. W. Berquist, Axtell, Nebraska, was introduced as the new pastor. He began serving the church on October 12.

## A LETTER

### Liturgical Frills

Dear Editor:

You gave an invitation for other lay people to write who may not agree (Continued on page 15)

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Oyens, Ia.—T'na Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bauma, Chris Kloster in memory of Mr. Sam Lund for LWA	6.00		6.00
Oyens, Iowa—Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kloster in memory of Sam Lund for Foreign Missions	2.00	2.00	
Dubuque, Ia.—Donald Wahlgren for Sudan Mission	11.00	11.00	
Westbrook, Me.—Trinity Luth. S. S. for Japan Mission	33.63	33.63	
Trinity Luth. S. S., Luther League Bible Class for support of a Sudan child, Sudan Mission, \$40, for South America Mission \$35	75.00	75.00	
Hutchinson, Minn.—Main Street Luth. Church in memory of Mr. Harold Anderson for Foreign Missions	25.00	25.00	
Hutchinson, Minn.—Given by Mrs. Ole Simonsen, Fred-minde Luth. Church, in memory of Mrs. Marie Jensen for Home Missions	3.00	3.00	
Minneapolis, Minn.—Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	12.65	12.65	
Laurel, Nebr.—Mrs. Magnus Hansen, Peter and Jacqueline, in memory of husband and father, Magnus Hansen, for LWA	30.00		30.00
Beresford, S. D.—Nazareth Luth. Church given by friends in memory of Erick Hongslo for Foreign Missions	10.00	10.00	
Milltown, Wis.—Given in memory of Mrs. Michael Michelsen by Crow Lake Ladies Aid, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Paulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomsen, Mr. C. Thomsen, all of Belgrade, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Troelstrup, Mpls. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deyo, St. Paul, for Foreign Missions	12.00	12.00	
Racine, Wis.—Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church for LWA	1000.00		1000.00
Oregon, Wis.—St. John's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	697.71	697.71	
Poy Sippi, Wis.—First Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	150.00	150.00	
First Luth. Church collec. taken during visit of Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand for Santal Miss.	35.93	35.93	
First Luth. S. S. for Ebenezer Home, Brush, Colo., \$25.52			
Reedley, Calif.—Ebenezer Luth. S. S. for Sudan sem'nary, Sudan Mission	28.85	28.85	
Reedley, Calif.—Jewish Mission Society for Jewish Mission \$85.61			
McNabb, Ill.—McNabb Luth. Church for Synodical Dues	200.00	200.00	
Elk Horn, Ia.—Elk Horn Luth. Church collection taken when Missionary, Miss Torkelson, from Santal Mission visited there for Santal Mission	33.50	33.50	
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Andersen for Foreign Missions	30.00	30.00	
Jacksonville, Ia.—Jacksonville S. S. for Sudan Mission	27.17	27.17	
Neola, Ia.—St. Paul's Luth. Church for Japan Mission	6.13	6.13	
Sioux City, Ia.—Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Dues \$300, Foreign Missions \$50	350.00	350.00	
Blair, Nebr.—First Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1000.00	1000.00	
Blair, Nebr.—Given in memory of Mr. Albert Madsen, Royal, Ia., by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernette Johnson, all of Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Willis and Mr. Chris Hagedorn, Omaha, for Home Missions	12.00	12.00	
Cordova, Nebr.—Our Savior's Luth. Church 75th anniversary memorial fund for Synod. Quota	47.25	47.25	
Bowbells, N. D.—Bethlehem Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$1,300, LWA \$30	1330.00	1300.00	30.00
Kenosha, Wis.—St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$880, Forward Phase \$240...	1120.00	1120.00	
St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	250.00	250.00	
Milwaukee, Wis.—Dorothy and Ruth Jensen in memory of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Jensen for Santal Mission	100.00	100.00	
Salmonhurst, N. B., Can.—Bethany Luth. Church for Foreign Missions	77.20	77.20	
North Hollywood, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Andersen, Burbank, for Margaret Nissen's school bl., Sudan Mission \$10, Santal Mission T.E. Hospital \$10, South Am. Miss. \$5	25.00	25.00	
Brush, Colo.—First English Ev. Luth. Church for LWA	262.50		262.50
Aurora, Colo.—St. Mark's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$40, Foreign Missions \$60, LWA \$25	125.00	100.00	25.00
Denver, Colo.—First Bethany Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	300.00	300.00	
Chicago, Ill.—Atonement Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	400.00	400.00	
Atonement Luth. S. S. to apply to Munshi Tudu account, Santal Mission	35.00	35.00	
Underwood, Ia.—Underwood Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	81.40	81.40	
Elk Horn, Ia.—Given in memory of Miss Anna Lange by friends and relatives to Santal Mission \$100, by Mrs. Agnes Jensen, West Branch, Ia., for Foreign Missions \$3, by Miss Madge May, Pontiac, Ill., for Foreign Missions \$10	113.00	113.00	
Exira, Ia.—Exira Luth. S. S. for Santal Mission	100.00	100.00	
Moorhead, Ia.—Bethesda Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	150.00	150.00	
Blair, Nebr.—Mr. and Mrs. Ove Anderson for South America Mission \$10, Japan Mission \$10, Santal Mission \$10, Sudan Mission \$10, Jewish Mission \$5, China Mission \$5	40.00	40.00	
Ruskin, Nebr.—Bethany Luth. Church for LWA	370.50		370.50
Redwood Falls, Minn.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffbeck in memory of Mrs. Carrie Hoffbeck and Mrs. Anna Hoffbeck for Sudan Mission (work among lepers)	10.00	10.00	
Sidney, Mont.—Iva M. Christensen for Sudan Mission	6.00	6.00	
Westby, Mont.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Norgaard in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lund, Mohall, N. Dak., \$1, in memory of John Andreassen, Westby, for Sudan Mission \$2	3.00	3.00	
Portland, Ore.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman West in memory of their uncle, Pete Olsen, Ruskin, Nebr., for South America Mission	10.00	10.00	
Beresford, S. D.—Nazareth Luth. Church given in memory of Timan Jensen by Nazareth Church Council \$9, Mrs. Jess Jensen \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Jensen \$2, Nazareth Town Circle \$2	18.00	18.00	
Nazareth Luth. S. S. in memory of Timan Jensen for Children's Homes	2.50	2.50	
Viborg, S. D.—Bethany Willing Workers in memory of Peter Petersen for Home Missions	2.00	2.00	
Clinton, Wis.—Pella English Ev. Luth. Church for LWA	150.00		150.00
Racine, Wis.—Gethsemane Danish Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Peter Miller for Japan Mission	5.00	5.00	
Racine, Wis.—Emmaus Ev. Luth. Church for General Fund	400.00	400.00	
Washington Island, Wis.—Trinity Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$400, LWA \$150	550.00	400.00	150.00
Standard, Alberta, Canada, West Canada District Treasurer:			
Our Savior's Community Luth. S. S., Hussar, for Japan Mission	23.60	23.60	
Mrs. Ruth Norre, Tilley, for South Am. Mission \$5, Japan Mission \$5, Sudan Mission \$5, Santal Mission \$5, Jewish Mission \$5	20.00	20.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$158621.68</b>	<b>\$131686.39</b>	<b>\$26985.00</b>

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, November 8, 1958,

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.



## NEWS AND NOTES

(From page 13)

"An Old Layman" under the title, "Liturgical Frills." Now it seems that I do agree in essence with the writer of this article and with him to know there are quite a number of Lutherans, (not all elderly, either) who feel the same way about the added liturgy and formality in the church. They may not express themselves as vigorously as "An Old Layman" but I have heard a good many of our people who are not in accord with the formality of "follow-the Book."

I have heard from my mother of the spiritual awakening in Denmark to the Inner Mission Movement, and also understand that there is not much vitality now. I believe that it is a sign of the latter times that the church shows a tendency to lukewarmness and believe that we who are Christians should be most cautious in discerning of the times. True doctrine is not enough!

It does not seem that the churches that emphasized ritual have, as a result, a deeply spiritual life. The church mentioned for its liturgy in the days of the later A. L., the Episcopal church, can scarcely be considered one that has. There may be, of course, exceptions to this, due to a spiritual leader.

There is one phase of the added liturgy that seldom comes up for discussion, but could it not be an important one? We are anxious to reach the unchurched, but what about those who have little or no church background? Wouldn't it be harder to interest those in a church full of formal liturgy than one appealingly simple in its service?

I would like to voice my opinion in regard to the article in the October number of the L. A., under "Pew and Pulpit" by A Voice of Experience. In the latter part of the article these words are read: "When the preacher goes to the pulpit, he goes not to pray, but to preach." It seems that the writer feels that elements of prayer in other parts

of the service, namely the liturgy, are sufficient, and that a prayer on the pulpit detracts from the sermon. I do not agree, a sincere prayer from the heart of a pastor (not read) before a sermon gives me a feeling of awareness and nearness of God. Is a prayer in the pulpit not **CORRECT?**

—"Unconvinced"

**Hutchinson, Minn.** "Faith and Fellowship" Days were held from September 21-24th. Our guest speaker was a former son of our congregation, Rev. Reynold Tange of Luck, Wisconsin.

Sunday evening, September 21st, a farewell fellowship was held in honor of our parish worker, Miss Marian Johnson.

Our church sanctuary has recently been redecorated and carpeting has been installed in the chancel and aisles. The Ladies Aid sponsored this project.

The E.M.V. congregation supper was held October 11th.

Recently we have been privileged to have the following missionaries speak to us, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Zimmerman, missionaries on furlough from Hong Kong, and Miss Ilean Rohe, on furlough from Africa.

**Detroit, Mich.** Northwest Trinity Lutheran Church observed Spiritual Emphasis Days on October 12, 13, and 14. Rev. Robert Berthelsen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the guest speaker. His theme was "Portraits of the Christian Life." Following the evening services a question and answer period was conducted during the coffee hour held in the basement of the church. The month of October marks the eleventh anniversary of our church.

### APPROVE REGULATIONS FOR LAY PREACHING IN ALC

The regulations for lay preaching proposed by the Church's executive committee were adopted, with slight emendations, by the San Antonio convention.

A lay preacher is defined "as a layman who has received permission to

read and/or preach the Word in a public service and assist a pastor in the administration of the Lord's Supper." This permission is to be granted by the congregation and conferred by the district president.

From names submitted by ALC congregations each district president is to prepare a list of men whom he can recommend as qualified lay preachers and make this list available to congregations that desire it.

The district president is to be responsible for the preaching and teaching of lay preachers and, in conferring permission on anyone to serve as a lay preacher, is to be guided by the same Scriptural qualifications that apply to pastors.

It is understood that a lay preacher is to serve only when invited by the congregation or, in the event of a vacancy, under the direction of the district president in consultation with the congregation.

In answer to a question from the floor it was pointed out that any pastor and congregation have the right to ask one of its members to conduct a service when the pastor is absent or to request the local Luther League, Brotherhood, or other congregational group to have charge of a service.

**Minden, Nebr.** Bethany Lutheran Church celebrated its 50th anniversary recently with 200 members meeting in the social hall of the new church. Mr. Aaron Farmer was master of ceremonies. Several pastors attended and others sent greetings. A brief history of the congregation was given. The anniversary address was given by the district president, the Rev. James Olsen. A number of musical selections were rendered by several members.

**Pastor Allison Hansen** of Denver, Colo., has resigned his charge at Denver, Colo., to accept a call from Westbrook, Maine.

**Racine, Wis.** Rev. Ervin F. Bondo of Des Moines, Iowa, has accepted a call to Our Savior's Lutheran at Racine, Wis. He expects to take charge February 1st.

## THE FORGOTTEN MAN

(Continued from page 9)

come from another community, or the newlyweds may live in a new community. How the newlyweds are received is often a determining factor. I know a church that has an organization composed of married couples, young widows, and unmarried men

and women that are not in the senior Luther League group. It is called the Fellowship Club of the church. That organization is an effective organization for good in that church. They meet one Sunday evening a month for a fellowship lunch at 6:30, followed by devotion, program, and social hour.



# Take 4 minutes to look into the future

No one can predict exactly what will happen, but a family man is morally obligated to look to the future . . . to plan for those who depend on him.

Here is a simple, easy way to figure out approximately what your family would need in the future, if you died—and to calculate roughly how your present coverage would fit these needs:

## What would your family need if you died?

**For last expenses** (Experts say you should allow about half of your present annual income.) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For monthly income** (Your family probably could get along on about half what you are now making each year. Multiply this figure by the number of years you want to provide the income.) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay off mortgage** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For emergency fund** (This will vary widely, but most financial advisors feel a family should have at least \$500.) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**To educate children** (This depends on the college, and where you live, but you probably should figure approximately \$1000 per year, per student.) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL NEEDED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## How do their needs compare with your present coverage?

**Social Security** (Maximum family benefit is \$200 per month. Widow and one child would receive \$132.80 per month, for example, if your average monthly income were \$250—\$162.80 per month if you had been earning \$350 or more each month.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Present life insurance** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous** (This would include savings, stocks and bonds, money from rental property, etc.) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PROVIDED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## How to get accurate figures—and make them balance

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